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How LUCKY I am to have something that makes saying 'until I see you again' a bit hard. That something is having had the honor and privilege to meet so very many of you and serve you in my role as Consul General in Dhaka. The most important mission of every U.S. Embassy overseas is protecting the interests of and serving American citizens abroad. Over the past five years, the American Citizen Services team and I have worked tirelessly in this mission, and I am very proud to have had this opportunity.

I have so many fond memories of my time serving here in Bangladesh that I will cherish always. My successor, Don Mulligan, will arrive in late October and in the meantime, Deputy Consul General Nathan Flook will manage consular operations.

Goodbye is not something that I say, because the world is small and I do hope to run into you sometime, somewhere. Until then....

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at

your back,
May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon
your fields, and,
Until we meet again, be
well and best wishes.



My kindest regards, Sharon Weber Consul General

- Enroll with the Embassy to receive alert emails at https://step.state.gov/step
- Enroll with the Embassy to receive alert SMS messages at https://usembassy.sslwireless.com/

Annual Citizen Liaison Volunteer Tea



Consul General Sharon Weber hosted our Citizen Liaison Volunteers (CLVs) and U.S. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat for our annual CLV Tea on May 10. Ambassador Bernicat thanked the CLVs for their service and updated the CLVs on the current security environment in Bangladesh.

CLVs assist the Embassy in providing consular services to U.S. citizens across Bangladesh. Our CLVs have played a critical role ensuring the safety and security of Americans in Bangladesh during wide- and small-

scale crises. CLVs are the "eyes and ears" of the American Citizen Services (ACS) Unit and are prepared to support our emergency response efforts at a moment's notice.

Thank you, CLVs, for your incredible service!

Are you interested in becoming a CLV? Contact DhakaACS@state.gov.

Notarial Services for All Nationalities

U.S. Embassy Dhaka provides notarial services for any individual, **regardless of nationality**, as long as **the notarized document will be used in the United States**. Schedule an appointment using the <u>online assistant</u> on our website.

We offer the following notarial services for a fee of 50 U.S. dollars or the equivalent in Bangladeshi taka (<u>cash only</u>) per notary seal:

- Affidavits
- Acknowledgments
- Certification of True Copies
 - For true copies of U.S.-issued public documents, contact the custodian of records in your state or jurisdiction.
- Authentications
 - Before we can authenticate Bangladeshi documents, you must obtain the appropriate authentication seal from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 - We cannot authenticate academic credentials. If you require authentication for U.S. academic credentials, see <u>Authentication of American Academic Credentials for Use</u>
 Abroad for more information.

We cannot offer legal advice or counsel, nor can we serve as witnesses. Consult a lawyer prior to seeking notarial services if you have questions or concerns about the document you would like us to notarize.

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Personal Security - At Home, On the Street, While Traveling

Continued from the January ACS Newsletter....

Personal Security in Hotels

- ♦ Do not discuss your business or travel plans in public areas where they may be overheard. Discuss your travel plans and movements during your stay with as few people as possible
- Select a hotel room on the third to fifth floor to stay out of reach of criminal activity from the street but still within reach of most firetruck ladders.
- Do not entertain strangers in your hotel room.
- Be alert to overly friendly people who may have criminal intentions. They may offer to take you to a "special" restaurant. Their ruse may be to of-

fer drugged refreshments.

- Never leave valuables in your hotel room exposed or unattended, even in a locked suitcase. Place valuables money, jewelry, airplane tickets, credit cards, passport—in a hotel safe deposit box or room safe.
- Familiarize yourself with escape routes in case of fire or other catastrophe.
- Use the door chain or bolt lock whenever you are in your room.
- Use the door viewer (peephole) before opening the door to visitors.
- Do not discuss your room number while standing in the

lobby or leave your room key on restaurant or bar tables.

Keep your room neat so you will notice disturbed or missing items quickly.

Keep an eye out for more tips in the next ACS Newsletter ...



Mango Mousse Cups

Ingredients:

- => 1 tsp gelatin powder
- => 2 tbsp water
- => 125 g mango puree (about 1 manila mango)
 - ar (or more to taste)
 - => 125 g heavy whipping cream

Serves 6

Instructions:

Dissolve gelatin into 1 tbsp of water. Heat remaining 1 tbsp water until it is hot/almost boiling and add to gelatin, stirring until gelatin is fully dissolved. => 2 tbsp granulated white sug- Add gelatin and puree into blender and mix on high speed until fully blended (if it needs sugar, add it here and blend again). In a blender, add 2 tbsp

sugar and heavy cream and whip on high speed until stiff peaks form. Slowly add puree into the whipped cream, folding it into the cream until completely mixed and uniform in color. Pour into individual portion cups and refrigerate to set. Store uneaten portions in fridge.



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All regular American Citizen Services are by appointment only. Walk-in hours are not available. Schedule an appointment via the online assistant on our website.



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ACS Services include:

- PASSPORT RENEWAL
- CONSULAR REPORTS OF BIRTH ABROAD
- CONSULAR REPORTS OF DEATH ABROAD
- NOTARIAL SERVICES
- ABSENTEE VOTING AND VOTER INFORMATION
- MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION
- FEDERAL BENEFITS APPLICATION
- TREASURY CHECKS DISTRIBUTION
- EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFER FACILITATION

Stay Connected



Diplomacy in Action

Upcoming Embassy Closures

August 2018

September 2018

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Note: July has only one American holiday on the 4th (Wednesday) for 'U.S. Independence Day' (*) Subject to change based on religious calendar.